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Zaproshti!

Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club's Junior II, Intermediate and Senior boys dazzled Sunday's Spring Concert audience with this colourful show of agility, strength and weapons play, taught to them by guest instructor Ken Kachmar (front right).

Tradition and talent delight at Spring Concert

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The talent and skills that charmed the judges at recent Ukrainian Dance competitions in Vermilion, Lloydminster and St. Paul turned a grey Sunday afternoon into a bright and lively kaleidoscope of tradition, music and dance at the Elk Point Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club's annual Spring Concert.

After warm welcomes from everyone's favourite gypsy storyteller, Marushka, who served as mistress of ceremonies, and club president Melissa Rogal, all the dancers took their turn on stage in the Pryveet, welcoming a large and enthusiastic crowd with the traditional offerings of bread and salt.

Intermediate dancers Ty Smereka, Sam Henderson, Rhianna Bjorkman, Kaylee Poitras, Paige Henderson, Katelyn Boratynec, Mickal Pilisko and Hank Rogal presented an enthusiastic Volynski Tanets, followed by the Senior group, Abby Baker, Macey Drobot, Kira Brunner, Morgan Baker, Jaden Plaska and Bryce Osinchuk, with a lighthearted Polissian Tanets from the southern Ukraine. The Junior II maidens Sadie Baker, Avery Smereka, Brooklyn Gochko, Mykaela Verenka, Shaylyn Klatt and Kozak Charlie Rogal danced the lively Vesna, a number originating in the Poltavski region.

Jaden Plaska performed the first solo of the show, a Volyn number. Beginners Charlotte Henderson, Anna Henderson, Amber Gilbert, Hadley Smereka, Shyanne Klatt, Charlie Lesyk, Brenden Scott, Evett Smereka and Braylee Lesyk took the spotlight with their Pershay Chas before the Intermediate group returned with a spirited Hutzul Bridges from the Carpathian Mountains.

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Town treating community to magic show

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Prepare to be dazzled, Elk Point!

John Kaplan, the magician who is said to "make money appear" and to "help community groups get projects rolling" as a performance-based fundraiser, is coming to Elk Point tomorrow night for a 7 p.m. show at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre, but this show is different from possibly all the other 45 shows on his 2014 circuit in communities across western Canada, this one isn't going to cost the audience a dime.

This one's on the town!

The performance had originally been booked for October 2013 by Elk Point's recreation director prior to her resignation last summer. Town council then decided to reschedule it for April 30, 2014 and offered the show to local non-profit groups as a fundraiser, however, although Kaplan's shows routinely raise between $5,000 and $10,000 and more for community groups,there were no takers.

The show was council's first order of business in 2014, and because the cost of the show had been included in the 2013 recreation budget, council decided to offer free admission to the show, and to recruit the F. G. Miller High School P.U.P (Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy) group to operate the concession as a fundraiser. The P.U.P was eager to get on board and assist with the event, but in the spirit of the occasion, decided that they will sell the concession snacks at just above cost to make this a very affordable outing for everyone.

AbracaDazzle is reported to be a "spellbinding multi-media magic show that transports you to a world of wonder and mystery… whole families will gaps in astonishment and roll in the aisles with laughter, a dazzling experience you'll be talking about long after the final curtain," and should be a treat for all ages.

Mayor Parrish Tung and town council are looking forward to the show and are hoping to "pack the building" with excited families. Come on down and enjoy the fun!

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Come out to help clean up the Town!
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Barbeque following the clean-up.

Canada Day Survival Challenge? Check!

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

One by one, the details for Elk Point's 2014 Canada Day celebration are falling into place, with new volunteers coming on board to fill last year's biggest gap at last week's meeting.

Tessa Pankiw and Teresa Boratynec from Elk Point Outreach School have agreed to coordinate a family-oriented activity challenge that will fill the late-afternoon gap left when the farm survival challenges left the lineup last year. They hinted at a number of ideas they have for the event, with Canada Day chair Bernice Capjack offering them a few more, plenty to make this a new and crowd-pleasing event.

More details were also forthcoming on other events. Dee Pankiw reported that she has a major sponsor for the Canada Day Idol competition, and that mistress of ceremonies Jena Colbourne has tracked down a sponsor for a new performance prize for the younger competitors, and also has ideas for additional prize donors.

The committee's new secretary-treasurer Maria Cueva had good news for the committee, with donations coming in daily in response to the 138 letters she sent out to local businesses and organizations. She also reported that the application for a Cold Lake air force flyover has been accepted, and the flyover will take place providing no problems arise in the meantime. The Elk Point and District Lions will line up the parade entries, and the Community Lions will do the judging. The parade band from Vermilion is also confirmed, as has the fireworks show that will wrap up the celebration.

Laverne Wilson said he has the children's activities "under control" and Roy Auger reported that plans for the second annual RCMP open house are going well, with the Rural Crime Watch planning to take part in that event. The RCMP also plan to march in the parade.

Plans are underway to have the Canada Day stage repainted prior to July 1 so it will have a fresh new look for the afternoon stage show. Although the headline band is booked, the committee is waiting for confirmation on other entertainers. Debra McQuinn volunteered to take over as mistress of ceremonies for the stage show, and Cueva has found a bilingual singer for the national anthem.

The travel club, Elk Point Co-op and Dine and Dash have all agreed to serve food on Canada Day, but one or two more food concessions would be welcome, and it was noted that there is an opportunity for a group to serve food at supper time. The committee also plans to contact local restaurants and list their July 1 hours of operation, if any, on the advertising flyers.

Spring Concert

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Two duets by senior dancers followed, Kira Brunner and Macey Drobot with a Polissian duet and Jaden Plaska and Bryce Osinchuk with a high-stepping number from the Bukovynian region.

Quick rhythm and synchronized head and foot movements were part of the Junior II group's Transcarpathian Tanets, which was followed by young Kozak Ty Smereka's solo dance of celebration and Senior dancers Jaden Plaska, Bryce Osinchuk, Kira Brunner and Abby Baker with an energetic Volynkski Polka.

The Junior 1 group, made up of Calei Penner, Rylee Verenka, Chloe Bendixen, Lauryn Smith, Cazmine Handy, Austin Handy and Dae Smereka, was spring fever personified as they romped through the joyous Kozachok.

Sisters Morgan, Abby and Sadie Baker combined handicrafts and dancing in their entertaining number, 'Show Me How to Sew.'

The first half of the show ended with a stunning Zaproshti by the Junior II Intermediate and Senior boys, showing their agility, strength and battle skills under the expert guidance of special guest Ken Kachmar, who taught them this dazzling dance of the Kozaks.

Following a very brief intermission, all the groups combined their talents in the play, 'The Time Machine,' that wowed the audience at their Malanka show earlier this year. Scientist Bryce Osinchuk and his wife, played by Abby Baker, starred in this one, along with the Junior I, with their Cat and Mice Dance, the Intermediate and Senior groups who joined them in a cheery Zabava, returning later with a Future Dance, the Beginners who danced with their stuffed animals in 'My Best Friend' and the Junior II group with Robota Robota.

The Hopak is the traditional dance of the Ukraine and comes at the end of every Elk Point concert. This year, the audience enjoyed two versions, the first by the Intermediates, and the second by the Seniors, both breathtaking.

All the groups joined the Seniors on stage for the presentation of plaques, certificates and year plates by Brianne Greening and dance instructor Debbie Kachmar-Potter as another great year of dancing nears its end.

Elk Point Oilmen's Association
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Administrative Professionals Week winner

Elk Point Review office manager Melanie McRae (right) was happy to present the $125 cash prize in the Review's Administrative Professionals Week draw to E-Can Oilfield Services LP employee Tracy Kinjerski, who has worked for that firm for 10 years. Kinjerski's name was selected in a draw from the names of all the administrative professionals submitted by the businesses who saluted their workers in our April 22 edition.

Transplant recipient pleased with new online donor registry

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Registering your intent to donate your organs and tissues is easier than ever with the launch of a new online Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Registry last Tuesday.

It's a move that Lindbergh double-lung transplant recipient Morris Irvine feels "will greatly help" to get organs and tissue to those who need them. "It's a big, big step for Alberta".

The registry is the first step in the government's plan to increase organ and tissue donor rates in Alberta, which have dropped by nearly 40 per cent over the last decade, making Alberta, Irvine says, "the worst province for donor awareness." He feels the creation of the registry "will greatly help" to make the public aware of the need for donor organs

Minister of Health Fred Horne also emphasized the importance of the registry, noting, "One of the greatest gifts we can give each other is donating our organs and tissues. With more than 500 Albertans waiting for an organ transplant and many more waiting for tissues, registering your consent to donate on the new donor registry can make a profound difference in someone's life."

The new online registry is quick and easy to use, and provides Albertans with a record of their consent to donate. Those who register are strongly encouraged to talk with their families about their wishes, so the families are aware that the donation is the wish of the registrant.

Next steps for organ donation in Alberta include making the online donor registry available to registry agents this spring, giving Albertans the opportunity to register their intent when they renew or apply for their driver's license or other identification. Irvine says this opportunity "will make you think about registering," which a person might not otherwise consider doing. "Some other provinces have done this for quite a while."

The registry will also provide "a faster way to harvest organs" and get them to the recipients, Irvine adds. "A lot of people donate, but it took a lot of time" to determine that the individual wished to do so and get through the necessary details to allow this to be done, prior to the creation of the registry, he says.

Work is ongoing to establish a single agency to co-ordinate organ and tissue donations in Alberta. The Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Agency will co-ordinate and support the work of donation organizations, promote public awareness of organ and tissue donation and work with Alberta Health Services and health professional associations to educate the public and health care professionals about organ and tissue donation. The agency will also manage the registry, encourage its use and monitor and report on Alberta's performance in organ and tissue donation.

These changes follow the proclamation of Bill 207, the Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, on November 8, 2013.

The need for organs and tissues in Alberta

According to Canadian Institute for Health Information data for 2012, Alberta reported the following active transplant waitlists (active means the person is able to receive a transplant at any time):

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyebode

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- As summer approaches, many people look at diets to lose weight. Some of these diets concentrate on certain foods in greater abundance than one would eat normally. Let your doctor and pharmacist know you are trying one of these diets, especially if you are taking drugs like the "blood thinner" warfarin. Some foods can interfere with warfarin's action and may alter regular blood tests.
- For many people, eating liver isn't high on their preferred food list. However, prior to 1948, people diagnosed with pernicious anemia were prescribed a diet of raw liver. In that year, vitamin B-12 was first discovered as a chemical entity and a supplement was developed to treat the anemia. Much easier to take!
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Editorial

Fun fundraisers

These days, fun and fundraising are part of the same event on more and more occasions. What better way to raise money for a worthwhile cause, whether medical research, new firefighting equipment or keeping a community facility going, than to hold an event where people will have a good time or being involved in a fun activity while adding their support.

Many of the upcoming events in the area are of this type, from this Saturday's Lions Walk For Sight and the Volunteer Firefighters' Firemen's Ball, to next weekend's 2nd Chance Trail Ride for organ transplant awareness and the Wild Pink Yonder trail ride that will go through the area in August to raise money for breast cancer research.

Aren't those events much better than a phone call or canvasser at your door soliciting funds for a cause?

Way Back When...

Founders, trying time, P.A.R.T.Y.

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of April 29 in...

1984

Heinsburg celebrated 25 years of its community hall with a banquet at which Bob Hendriks paid tribute to founding members Babe and Colleen Sharkey, Rudolf and Alice Gregor, Merv and Ella Botting, Laverne Wilson, Hazel Jenner, Floyd Bendixen and Harry Jenner.

1989

A group of 25 students from New Brunswick visited the Canadian Salt plant at Lindbergh and Pan Canadian Petroleum and Amoco Canada oilfield operations south of Elk Point as part of their 'Voyage Exchange' tour of Alberta.

1994

Sixteen Elk Point ratepayers attended the town's annual meeting, where Mayor Ed Buck reported "a trying and interesting time" following a new general assessment, and said that the main project for the coming year would be the upgrading of 51, 52, 53 and "hopefully, 54" Avenues between Hwy. 41 and 50 St.

1999

There were rumors of a 'Vacation in Paradise' as a Elk Point Community Choir and Friends played to a packed house on each of six evenings at their annual dinner theatre, a distinct departure from the musicals of other years, the only music in this one from an ancient portable gramophone and an off-stage radio.

2004

Eastern area field operations manager Scott Stauth told visitors at Canadian Natural Resources Limited's open house that CNRL was "here for the long term", with plans for a 60-well-per-year drilling program and recompletion of 200 suspended wells per year.

2009

F. G. Miller students faced hard facts at the P.A.R.T.Y Program at Elk Point Healthcare Centre, as a legacy of their fellow student, Katja Brand, who died in a tragic vehicle crash the previous fall, hours after she told the Community Advisory Policing Committee she hoped to be part of the P.A.R.T.Y. planning committee.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

Historical Highlights

Elk Point tackles growth and Eskimos in spring of 1980

ELK POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Review Contributors

April

Elk Point Historical Society honoured Mary Bennett, editor of 'Reflections, a History of Elk Point and District' and 'Supplement to Reflections' with a plaque of appreciation for her expertise, and asked for her help in a similar capacity on an 'Alberta 75' pictorial book featuring events during the anniversary year.

The Grey Cup-winning Edmonton Eskimos football club took on the Elk Point Minor Hockey coaches' 'Dream Team' and battled them to a 9-all tie in a benefit game, with a hat trick by Ed Poulin and two goals for Ed Pankiw leading the scoring.

Over 40 Elk Point and St. Paul nurses and supporters joined approximately 700 others to demonstrate in front of the Provincial Legislature after nurses, who had been on strike for four days, were legislated back to work. The nurses had been without a contract since Dec. 31, 1979.

MLA Dr. Charles Anderson visited town council after phone calls he had made to Elk Point concerning the Ference subdivision were felt to be "interference in town business." He told town council that it was his duty to do what he could "for a constituent who comes to me with a problem," and suggested a tripartite agreement between Alberta Home Mortgage, Ference and the town to finance sewers for the subdivision.

May

Supreme Outer Guard Margaret Nelson, District Deputy Virginia Pankiw, District Deputy Wheeler and Lloydminster Past Exalted Ruler Weaver officiated at the joint installation of Elks and Order of the Royal Purple, where Gary Young was returned for another term as Exalted Ruler and Olive Berg was installed as Honoured Royal Lady.

Alberta Minister of Education Dave King was guest speaker at F. G. Miller High School's graduation ceremonies, and said it was "the finest graduation I have ever attended," Mitchel Zarowny was the valedictorian, and Superintendent of Schools Bill Webb presented pins to the 32 graduands.

Drop-in sessions regarding the possibility of developing a provincial park in the Whitney Lake area got "a little hot at times," as those not in favor of the park expressed concerns that they would lose their leases on cabin sites and be forced out. The development would also include Ross, Laurier and Borden Lakes.

Alberta Treasury Branches expanded to 110 branches, with the opening of its beautiful new facility in Elk Point, with Wayne Hanson as manager. Superintendent of Treasury Branches Fred Sparrow and MLA Dr. Charles Anderson cut the ribbon.

Town Council was stunned by the en masse resignation of its Economic Development Committee, with that committee stating they could do nothing, as they had nothing to offer any prospective industry wishing to locate here: no industrial park, no incentives, no services within the community. When asked if they felt council was not doing its job, the committee said it was "not sitting in judgment of council."

June

St. Paul County Education Committee chairman John Zenko announced that the Elk Point schools had been granted expansion approval, with F. G. Miller to grow by two classrooms, a business education and typing room and a student cafeteria, while Elk Point Elementary to be extended to house all grades from ECS to Grade 6, a maximum capacity of 400 students.

Richard Marcoux showed the grand champion steer at the Elk Point 4-H Beef Club show, with Brian Ference showing the reserve champion, Gary Bieber and James Pinder taking home the showmanship awards and Patsy Wirsta and Brian Ference the grooming trophies,

After months of agreeing to disagree, developer Steve Ference and town council finally agreed that all the paperwork was in place for a start on the new residential subdivision. Town council also decided to go ahead with a joint town office and fire hall project, with a bay to accommodate the county fire truck and office space for Elk Point Gas.

Town council was overjoyed to receive a $191,669 cheque from Canada Mortgage and Housing for a long-since-approved grant, its delayed arrival reportedly "leaving the town's budget in a shambles."

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Elk Point Elementary jumps rope for Heart and Stroke Foundation

Vicki Brooker photos

Elk Point Elementary School held its annual Jump Rope for Heart session on Friday, with participants skipping up a storm all over the gym as they raised research funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

EPE students got in shape for upcoming spring activities as they skipped singly or in pairs on Friday, as they took part inn Jump Rope for Heart.

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April 30 - May 1 - May 2, 2014

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Rain, rain, go away - ball practice today!

doug BASSETT
Review Sports

We really needed the moisture, at least that's what the farmers tell me. Out in the oil patch it is very rare to get through April without having to chain up or get a tow from the big green monster John Deeres, so why are we surprised? This is what we expect to have at this time of the year living in this part of the country.

As of last week, the Sox had only managed to have one outdoor practice on this past Tuesday night. By Wednesday afternoon the weather had changed to rain and snow mix. Thursday's practice was back inside because the weather had tuned rotten and remained poor all weekend. Our well-attended umpire clinic was held indoors at the new F G Miller gym on Saturday which couldn't have happened without a big thank you to principal Darcy Younghans and the staff at F G Miller for allowing us to use the gym this year. It really has made a difference in getting a jump on the season; all of the ball teams are progressing well.

Tonight we are crossing our fingers and hoping we can have another shot at going to the batting cage and practicing on the field because this coming weekend the Bantam AA Sox will be hosting the first round of provincial round robins, right here on Saturday. When the schedule came out this past Thursday there were 30 bantam AA teams in the province. At 10 a.m. Saturday the Sox will host St. Paul. Then Fort McMurray and St. Paul will play at 1 p.m. and the Sox will play again against Fort. McMurray at 6 p.m.

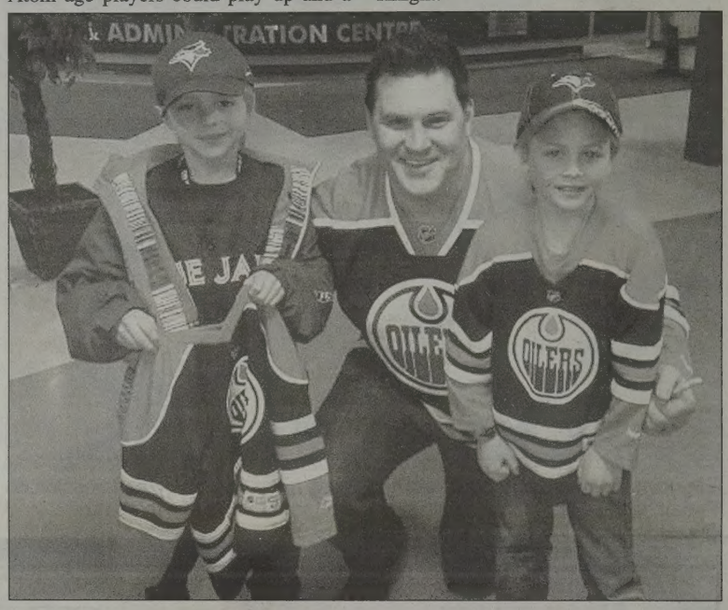
The Peewee AA Sox season will start on the road the following weekend, Saturday, May 10 and Mothers' Day, Sunday May 11 in Sherwood Park against the host the Athletics, the Fort Saskatchewan Red Sox and South Jasper Place Blue Jays. As long as I can remember our team has always played on Mother's Day. Both of the AA teams, the peewee and bantams will have the May long weekend off then travel up to the city again the weekend after for the second round in May before getting re- tiered.

Also a reminder that coming up this weekend is our annual Elk Point Lions Journey for Sight starting on Saturday at 9 a.m. from the curling rink. It's a 10 K walk more or less around town and a bit outside of the town. You can walk, run, or bike, take your whole family or dog for a stroll, have a hot dog after and raise some money for sight related projects.

As of press time Sunday night, the "Marksman" Mark Letestu and his Columbus Blue Jacket team were down one game in the series and facing elimination on Monday night. Knock on wood, they will be playing tomorrow night in game seven. I know both sets of grandparents would love to see the "Marksman" at home soon, with his wife Brett and the two grandsons, but they would also be thrilled will to wait until July if his team did go all the way.

Still on the topic of hockey, we are still seriously pursing the idea of having a female peewee hockey team right here in Elk Point. Female players are needed between the age of 9 and 12. Atom age players could play up and a few overage bantam players could play down as well. The peewee team would play in the East Central Female Hockey League. We need to start the process now. It's not too soon to commit to playing on it in order to enter the league, line up the coaching staff, find funding for uniforms etc. So call or text Lori Poitras today at 780-227-1753 or email her at loripoitras@gmail.com The plan is to have an early registration in June, the exact date will be announced in the near future.

Now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "There is nothing greater in the world than when somebody on the team does something good, and everybody gathers around to pat him on the back." Last week's answer to: "Most people have the will to win. Few have the will to prepare to win." – Bobby Knight.



"Kobe the Cobra" Warawa and the "Mighty Casey" Warawa meet former Edmonton Oiler Louie DeBrusk They also met Ryan Nugent-Hopkins at the C2 in Bonnyville. Kobe won the draft to play in the Oilers' kids' camp.

Contributed photo

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AGM celebrates Co-op's growth

SAM MACDONALD
Review Contributor

Members and staff of the St. Paul District Co-op Association celebrated a year of progress and prosperity at the annual general meeting on April 23, at the St. Paul Co-op Mall.

Controller Brad Belton gave a brief overview of the 2013 financial statement, showing an overall increase in profits from 2012.

"In last year's report we alluded to making $100 million this year. We just missed it, but we were very close. Sales were up in all of our divisions," said Belton.

"We were up approximately five million litres in petroleum over the previous year, so that was a big boost. As well, the first full year of operation of the liquor store helped as well."

Belton said that expenses, which went up from $10.4 million last year to $11.8 million, took into account the completion of work the roof of the Co-op Mall. Another increase in expenses was due to the completion of the Elk Point cardlock project.

Transfers to the general reserve went up from $1.7 million to $2.9 million, and patronage allocation to members decreased slightly to $4.4 million from 2012's $4.8 million. Transfers to the general reserve went up while patronage allocations went down so that more money could be saved for upcoming projects the co-op has planned.

Board of Directors President Cliff Martin spoke about the progress the Co-op has made over the last year, saying, "2013 has proven to be the most successful year in the history of our organization with sales exceeding $99 million. . . and local savings of nearly $2 million. We will be allocating $4.4 million dollars to our members."

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LAWRENCE PIDLUZNY
Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge

Bill Schuhmacher, Finance Committee member of the Elk Point Elks Lodge #460 makes a presentation of $500 cheques to both the Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society, and the 2nd Chance Trail Ride Organizing Committee.

Accepting on behalf of the Haying in the 30s are Albert Boratynec, an Elks member himself, and Steve Drobot, who both participate actively in the annual event held in Mallaig during the long weekend in August come rain or shine. Besides being an excellent look back into the history of farming, the Haying in the 30s event is also an excellent opportunity for people from all over to help support the society. "Since 1999, and because of one man's vision, Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society continues to assist and has assisted more than 3500 individuals diagnosed with cancer in the local area, Lakeland region, and beyond."

Morris Irvine, a past Elk Point Elks member, and Tom Matthews, a member of the St. Paul Elks Lodge accept the donation on behalf of the 2nd Chance Trail Ride Committee. Both of these young gentlemen received double lung transplants and are very thankful and indebted to the committee who helped them "through their journey at a 2nd chance at life." Realizing how important organ transplants are, they definitely appreciate any and all support from the community.

The Elk Point Elks Lodge #460 has also sent two $350 donations to our national charity, the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, in memory of our recently departed Brothers, Bill Jennissen and Bill Pacholek. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance for any purpose that is for the good and welfare of a person prior to attaining his/her 19th birthday when sponsored by a Lodge, and for charitable programs addressing the needs of children with hearing and speech disorders and for other charitable programs and services.

A proposed new Elks Mission Statement is "A Canadian volunteer organization of men and women serving communities", and the Vision Statement is "To be the volunteer organization of choice for men and women." We are continually striving to gain more Elks members so that our projects and community support can continue. If you, or anyone you know might be interested in joining our organization, please come, on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August, at 7:00 PM, to a supper meeting, or call Lawrence Pidluzny at 780-724-4339 for more information.

Lawrence Pidluzny photos

Bill Schuhmacher (centre in both photos) presents $500 cheques from the Elk Point Elks Lodge to Albert Boratynec and Steve Drobot for Haying in the 30s, above, and to Morris Irvine and Tom Matthews for the 2nd Chance Trail Ride.

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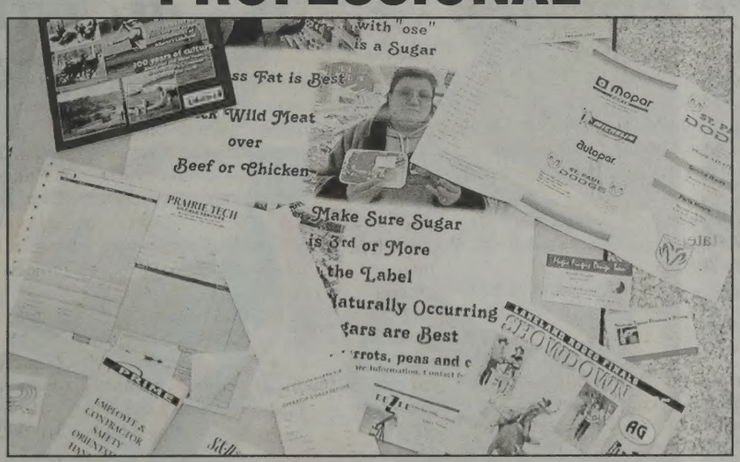

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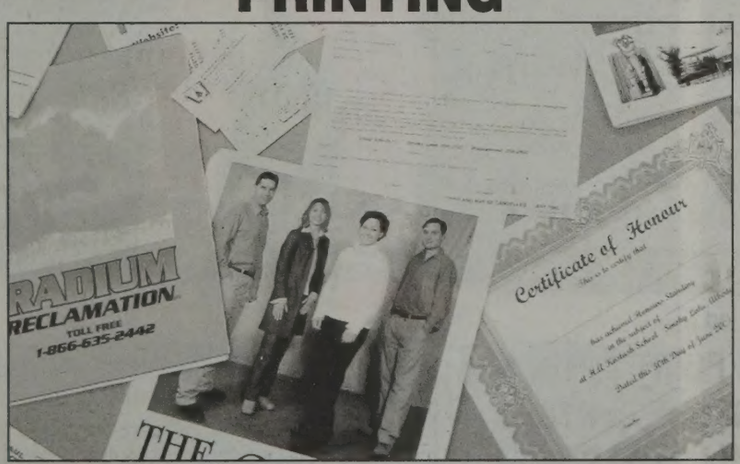

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Spring Concert album

Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club delighted a large audience with their annual Spring Concert on Sunday at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

How pink can we get?

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and area residents won't necessarily need a horse to be part of the Aug. 15 event when the Wild Pink Yonder Trail Ride comes to town, but the community's input is very much needed to give this very special band of travelers a warm, pink welcome and to cheer them on in their crusade against breast cancer.

Elk Point has the honor of being the eighth of 23 stops that this cavalcade of riders will make along all three branches of the Iron Horse Trail this August as they raise donations toward breast cancer research in Alberta. This is the sixth annual Wild Pink Yonder, and previous rides have already resulted in more than $633,000 being donated to the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Along with paying a $50 registration fee, each rider taking part in the Wild Pink Yonder must fundraise at least $200 for each day they plan to be part of the ride.

Communities along the ride's route are also encouraged to hold fundraisers on their behalf, and to decorate their towns in pink in support of the quest for a cure.

According to the Wild Pink Yonder website's blog, "to become the "Pinkest Little Town", the town must raise more money per capita for our cause than the other towns we visit and, quite literally, paint their town pinker than the other towns as well. Our towns have a blast dreaming up ways to raise money and do outlandish 'pinkifications'." The community that becomes this year's "Pinkest Little Town" will win a music concert and reflective highway signs celebrating that accomplishment.

How should we welcome the riders? That's a big question, and Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Elk Point are going to need all the help they can get to plan a special event, in the form of a supper and evening activities, to welcome the riders. The first planning meeting is slated for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7 at Elk Point Further Education Centre, just south of F. G. Miller High School, and everyone is invited to bring along ideas and input.

OBITUARY

YAREMKEVICH, Lois

On April 18, 2014, Mrs. Lois May Yaremkevich of Elk Point passed away at the age of 77 years.

She is survived by 1 son & 4 daughters, Dwayne (Donna) of Elk Point, Loris (Steve) Kozina of Elk Point, Brenda (Wayne) Blazenko of Strathmore, Wendy (Randy) Lovas of Airdrie & Elana Yaremkevich of Calgary; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers & 1 sister, Ray (Evelyn) Sass & Stephen Sass all of Edmonton & Jean Ference of Elk Point; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter, in 2001; parents, Samuel & Lily Sass; brother-in-law, Joe Ference.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Elk Point Senior's Centre, Elk Point. Pastor Kelly Sibley will be officiating. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Haying in the 30's Cancer Support Society or Elks and Royal Purple Children's Fund, c/o 5626-51 St. St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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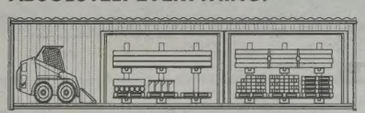

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Co-op AGM

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Martin described a significant increase in membership, saying, "The confidence in our Co-op continues to grow. At the present time, the expansion and complete renovation of the Elk Point store continues with a completion date for some time in August."

Martin described the liquor store in St. Paul as surpassing expectations, with sales over $3.5 million in the first year of operations. He said the Co-op is working to integrate and serve the community further by joining with the County of St. Paul FCSS department, and purchasing a mobile community trailer. The trailer will house cooking and recreation utilities, and can be used by organizations for fundraising and disaster relief.

General Manager Graham Getz described 2013 as "a year of firsts," saying it was the first year in history the district Co-op surpassed $99 million in sales.

Other firsts include the first time the meat department in St. Paul achieved $3 million in sales, the first time building materials had annual sales of $6 million, the first time a grain bin was sold in St. Paul capable of carrying 42,000 bushels, and the first time more than 15 million liters of petroleum was sold.

"We have started to transition and adapt to ensure your Co-op stays relevant and continues to be a leader, for our members and how we help build communities," said Getz.

He said the St. Paul and District Co-op supported STARS Air Ambulance, invested in local 4-H Clubs, launched a social media campaign, and provided disaster aid for the 2013 floods in the Calgary area, and the affected areas in the Philippines, after Typhoon Haiyan, all in 2013.

After the speeches, members participated in a general question period discussing a number of aspects of the business.

One member asked, "Has the board thought about building a car wash similar to what is on the other end of town? Who owns the property across the road?"

Martin responded saying, "That property is owned by the other mall. The idea has been tossed around but there's a limitation on how much space is available. It could come into future plans."

Another member asked about the origin of certain food products sold at the Co-op saying, "I've been looking at labels recently, and your video said you shop locally, and you provide locally. I'd like to know why some of our food is coming from China, mainly garlic."

Getz responded saying, "We get as much as we can source locally, with the buyers and the demand, for the amount of garlic that we need. That can be revisited in the future, with a new campaign we're working on to support local as much as we can. It's a supply and demand thing."

Another member asked about the parking lot outside, asking if the co-op could repaint the lines. Getz said the paint is available, and the only obstacle to painting lines and repairing the potholes in the parking lot is the weather.

The 2014 board of directors at the St. Paul & District Co-op includes Martin, Vice President Terry Holmgren, Secretary Bernice Capjack, and directors Lorne Siemers, Gerard Tremblay, Don Zarowny, John Trefanenko, Dwayne Vogel, and Carol Maas.

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